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power, just as the lopping off of superfluons twigs and branches concentrates the lusty sap of an over-

and onaches concentrates the instysap of an over-vigorous tree.

"The pianist, Sieveking, has a most extraordinary development of constructiveness. I lately made a carreful examination of his head, and found the most phenomenal constructiveness that I ever wit-nessed. His gifts of tune and time are good, but most phenomenal constructiveness that I ever with nessed. His gifts of tune and time are good, but not phenomenal. The bulge upon the side of his load at constructiveness is so predigious that it clearly indicates what his music also reveals, viz., his strong tendency toward the muscular and exhis strong tendency toward the muscular and exec-utive side of the art. No wonder he is an athlete. He would have made a great surgeon or a great corner of the frechead jost where the hair begins to cover the skin, viz., time and time, is prominent in all great resultive musicians. Again, an indication of executive musicianship may be found in very prominent ledge cyclrows, a quality which may in-prominent ledge cyclrows, a quality which may inprominent negy eyerows, a quantity which may jun-cline, however, in cer'ain other combinations, to selentilide investigations, because the eyebrow re-resent = platoig of faculties which deal with facts uncoördinated, while the ridge of the forehead rep-resents the theorizing, organizing and analyzing powers of the mind. . The lidgest plano hand is a perfect balance of palm and figers, of firmness and perfect valance of palm and thiggers, of brinness and but not extrayagantly so. The banklets should for very wide, the muscless full and builging at the cen-rice, particularly the muscles full and builging at the cen-tres, particularly the muscles full and builging at the cen-tre, particularly the muscles of small thick or dish, light or booky; and yet valents are the proposed of proposes. The worst defect, however, is an extreme lacedid looseness of the knuckle joints, which per-ulia their fugges to dangle at the time like frayed shoc-strings

Music is to the mind as air to the body.-Plato

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"What is the use of music?" is a question most of us have heard asked by some one who holds that every one whose occupation is not connected with the provision of obvious necessities is a drone, and

And the control farm with unsie; nor will fidling make said of clother, or nor a performance of any grand work cause a ship to move; but we hope to be able to show easy the British Statement the pleasure it has given, much has been done to benefit making through the gapency of moste, and the pleasure it has given, much has been done to benefit making through the gapency of moste, and the said of music.

Said on the large playing dispersed as a harmer, been

Alfred the Great defeated the Daues through his skill on the large, having, disguised as a larger, been made welcome in the Danish eamp, where he learned were headed by Taillefor, a gigantic solibier, who alternately performed feats of valor, and sang with a loud voice the popular songs which immortalized the valor of Charlemagne and Roland, the Nor-man repeating the burden of the song, with shouts

mans repeating the burden of the song with should be 'Diac aids'. The 'Marseilhaise' was the liquid fire of the The 'Marseilhaise' was the liquid fire of the French Revolution; It distilled into the season and the third of the third of the third of the third of November, 1792, when the day was going deal of November, 1792, when the day was going the Austrians at Jemnapse, Dumouries' ran out to the front and raised the 'Marseilhaise.' Forty thousand

ucreat.

It was, however, not only the song of patriotion;
but it was, alast also the signal for fury. It accompanied warriors to the field, and victims to the
scalfold.

scatfold indess, it obtained such a hold on the Freuch that, though procertile d by successive enquerors and kings, the people never rested till it because the acmovinelped national song of France.

There is a story told of the compaser Cherubini Sunching a violar from the lands of one of the crowd, and playing, as a musician would, the popular Republican air. Music was of some use to make the control of the

nephew."

A volume might be lilled with stories of the influ-ence of music during the war; we will conclude this part of our subject by an account of an incident that took place during the American civil war.

The Union army and the Southerners were en-

took place during the American Scattle was evertook place during the opposite banks of a river, and after
dark the bands on both sides began to play. On the
Northern side it was the "Star Spanged Banner,"
Northern side it was the "Star Spanged Banner,"
side the band responded with "Dixies Land,
side the band responded with "Dixies Land,
Again the Northern side said in their mass: "Hal Columbia," and yet the Southern hands responded
river the side of the Southern hands responded
"Dixies Land." And then "Home. Sweet Home."
"Dixies Land." And then "Home. Sweet Home."
"Dixies Land." And then "Home. Sweet Home
and every learl responded. The strains of those
instruments and the great soul of the country
reached anew and again with the delightful inspirecated anew and again with the delightful inspibreathed anew and again with the delightful inspirecated anew and again with the delightful inspi-

bled there.

"Home, Some lime "tof which an American "Home, Sweep and an Engelshamate the composent, has probably raised a greater number of pure ones tross in the breasts of millions of the Angle-Saxon race than all the sermons that were ever preached, strain shought delightful or painful memories to listeners, but in me of the recent expeditions to wards the North Pole one of the explorers took a wards left North Pole one of the cystorers took a

Says Mr. Worldly Wiseman, 'These are all stories sent mololy.

Says Mr. Worldly Wiseman, "These are all stories
Asys Mr. Worldly Wiseman, "These are all stories
relating to sentiment; 1 still see nothing practical."

We will now try to show that music is useful as a
medicine, that it has produced more for charity than
all the practical and that ever lived, and that if he
her shift intry-wo, and his mother, Emilia, nee
then being dirty-wo, and his mother, Emilia, nee

lunaties.
Christine Nilssou, Countess of Miranda, a

she was collected by gentlemen, who, hearing her vagruat life, placed her at school, and had her mesically educated. Madame Nilssou's kindness to her parents and old friends, her unbounded shariy, her parents and old friends, her unbounded shariy, and the place of the place of

of the amounts to the charity, while her presence of the amounts to the charity, while her presence has secured a substantial sum on each occasion, independent of her gift.

I dependent of her gift the substribe of Yiouna, was accessfed by a mendieunt of a very preposessing appearance and manner, who told his take of wow with such offect as to interest the great composer with such offect as to interest the great composer with such offect as to interest the great composers to the present the present of the present the present of the present the present of the present the prese

with five double dneats.

Gounod and some of his friends once gave an impromptu concert at a street corner, realizing a handsome sum for a poor woman and her children who had been unsuccessfully soliciting alms on the who had been unsuccessionly sometring aims on the same spot for a long time; and many stories are current of artists playing on the instruments of itin-crant performers who had been mable to draw any attention themselves, attracting large crowds, and sending the poor fiddlers away happy with the amounts collected.

amounts collected.

To give a more recent instance; ou Saturday, May
10th, the Victoria Brass Band played through the
principal streets of Haiffax, and collected £6 68.8d,
for the fund raksed for the sufferees by the Mischle
field Collecy disaster, and on the 14th of June the
Postmen's Band gave a special performance in Man
implanu Park, Brafford, for the benefit of the same

Benveunto Celliui, the famous artist in brouze, etc., owed much of his success to his proficiency in music, which opene! up to him a connection through which he became famous in his own special

Goldsmith's knowledge of the flute was of great service to him on many occasions. When at Dmi-ilu University, he had a brute of a tutor to deal with, when his chief solace was his flute. He trav-alled through Flauders, France. Switzerland and eled through Flauders, France, Switzerland and Luly, singing and playing his flute at the houses of the peasantry in order to obtain a supper and a night's lodging; and, according to his own as-count, the instrument did him good service except

Pablo Sarasate, who has not been heard in the Pablo Sarasate, who has not been heard in the thirded States for seven or eeg ty yaars, and has in-thirded States for even or eeg ty yaars, and has in-hirded to be the seven of the seven has been as the hirded by the seven as the seven as the seven as of the seven which was the seven as the seven as the seven epicare some of the Spanish dauces, to the great or spanish seven as the seven as the seven as the seven of the seven seven as the seven as the seven as the seven inclinately have everygite. He made several rich pres-tentially have everygite the under several rich presticularly brave stringgle. He onade several rich pres-ents to the city of Pamplona in memory of his visit, an I among them were a ring given to the violinist by the Eupress Augusta, and gifts to him from Queen Victoria, the King of Saxony, the Prince of Wales, and Napoleon III.

The age of Jean de Reszke, the tenor, which for

all the practical men that ever lived, and that it has the being blirty-two, and his mother, Emilia, nee greatly assisted many who have become famous in other walks of life, the singer's real name is Jan Meczislaw Resetike.

ON TEACHING MUSIC.

The qualifications of a teacher of music say, Musical News, are often lightly and insufficiently considered by the public, and even by music statements of the music statement of the same special conditions and teaching music is generally assumed to ear organization and earlier and earlier and earlier and earlier and earlier and an earlier and earlier a

teresting and useful to disease certain aspects of teaching mais. First and forenoes, the teacher must, of course, be thoroughly acquainted with the technique of his subject, and must be able to apply it on a systematic processes and a musical laste and a wide and culti-axis acquaintance with music in general. It is by an enasus necessary, notwithstanding the popular in-pression that a good performer must be an efficient teacher, that he should be a brilliant execution, that the most constraint of the should be a brilliant content, and though executing his position will be all the most many slightly master whose pupils sing like appears many singing-masters whose pupils sing like angels would produce anything but an angelic effect by their own vocal efforts; and as regards the teaching of instruments, professors are frequently too much occupied to be able to indinge in the practice essen-tial to retaining that proficiency which they never-theless succeed in imparting to those whom they instruct. It is, in truth the power of imparting knowledge—so widely different from the power of acquiring it—that is one of the most notable char-terior of the control of the control of the control of the second of the control of the control of the control of the second of the control of the control of the control of the second of the control of the control of the control of the second of the control of the control of the control of the control of the second of the control o

herent, no amount of education or of earnest striv-ing will achieve success.
Closely akin to this quality of apitinde is a real liking for the work of instruction. There is much liking for the work of instruction. There is much success to the success of the success of the success of which so frequently is a part of the musical threat which so frequently is a part of the musical forms an agreeable livelihood, let him reflect for a single moment upon what the unfortunate professor has to endure week after week and year after year from so many of those who come under his earc. Think

Judicious praise and encouragement have much influence on a student's progress. He cannot judge for himself what advance he has made, and it is a marvelous incentive to further effort in all but the absolutely irreclaimable to feel that their work, so

marvelous incentive to further effort in all but the associately irreclaimable to feel that their work, so away. Excussive or too frequent praise is, however, worse than none at all; for the day will surely c me when the consequent coneoit will meet with a correlive, whereby the self-love of the papil may be within the writer. Never injured the schere once you will be a surely considered the self-love of your papils, and it was good advice.

However exasperating may be the mistakes or the slowness of comprehension so constantly met with the teacher must remomber that often these are only and complicated language like music, and he should endeavor, as far as possible, to place brinnelf in the isolator's standpoint. That which appears self-evil the missical bake and suspinge, and the wise teacher will not be above learning from his papil in this and other ways.

#### SOME DON'TS.

1. Don't try to study music, art and science all at 1. Don't try to study muse, art and scance an active section.
2. Don't think of making music your profession miless you have a more than ordinary talent for it. The musical profession is already crowdel with performers, except at the very top, where there is

performers, except at the very top, where there is always plenty of room.

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4. Don't think that only training in exceution and technic of the voice is sufficient. The professional singer should be a perfect reader, and well schooled in the professional singer should be a perfect reader, and well schooled in the professional singer should be a perfect reader, and well schooled in the professional singer is casy. The more successful the singer, the more she becomes a slave to her profession.



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A remarkable evidence of the advance made by Wagner's music in Italy is found in the fact that a sesson of his opera will take place next winter at Turin. A complete Wagner evidus in chromological cannid, an eminent Italian conductor. Elaborate preparations for the performances have already became, in Bologona, twenty-five years ago. Wagner's Lohengrin was sung and made a failure, while subsequent efforts to grin favor for his operas did little sequent efforts to grin favor for his operas did little state of the contract of the contract

The new three-act opera, "King Arthur," by the Spanish composer, Amandeo Vives, was recently produced in the Novedades Theatre, of Barcelona, Spain, and is said to have achieved an immediate Vives is only 26 years old

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but it is possible the Velled Prophet and his merric crewe may visit it, and if President McKinley cones for him to declare it open.

'The transportation companies have, as usual, received as with the timent liberarily. There will be received as with the timent liberarily. There will be received as with the timent liberarily. There will be large crowds. Besides these, there will be special large crowds. Besides these, there will be special rates from all points with facilities of very charac-tars from all points with facilities of very charac-naual expections, and all received by holding 18 an-nual expections, and an expectation of the con-traction of the contraction of the contraction of the con-traction of the contraction of the contraction of the con-traction of the contraction of the contraction of the con-traction of the contraction of the contraction of the con-traction of the contraction of the contraction of the con-traction of the contraction of the contraction of the con-traction of the contraction of

### RABBI EPSTEIN DEAD.

Rabbi Isaac Epstein, President of the United Hebrew Relief Association and the oldest Jewish preacher in St. Louis, died Thursday morning, the 2nd inst., at his residence, 2214 Locust st. Death came peacefully, after a long life of noble deeds and

came peacetury, airer a rong fite of noise eees and Rabbi Epstein was here in Meininger, Saxony, and came to America early in life. He spent thirty years in charge of a church at Mobile, Ala. coming to St. Louis in 1878. From that time until 1889 he for the control of the con

grave.

Touching and well deserved addresses were made by Rabbis Moritz Spitz, Sommel Sale and H. J. Messing. The pall-bearers were William Sity, Sity Sity, Sity,

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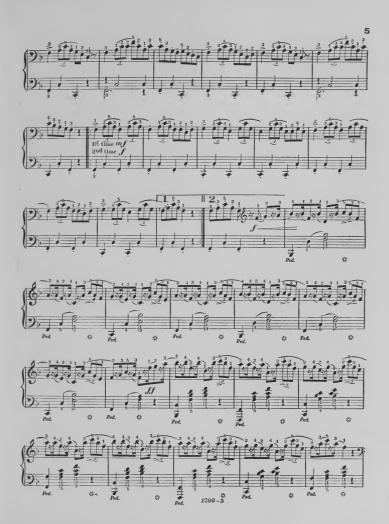




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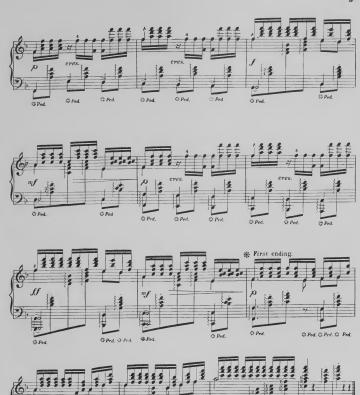
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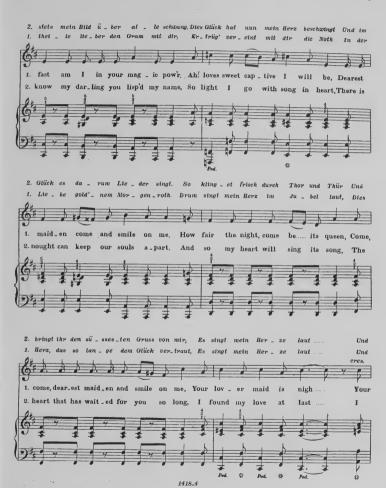


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### THE VOICE AND ITS USE

The sweetest speakers in Europe, we are told, are certain Scotch women and French women. The voices of both, says an exchange, are high in pitch, but clear in toue. The rrench voice is light, with a by its clearm it adds much to the delicacy of the wif-for which it is as often the medium. Indeed, the very jest which in the light, haughing, trilling volce-fancy, night, in many instances, it spoken in the deeper, slower, more serious tones of the German or the English woman, impress the hearer as course, self-completeness. The hearer enjoys it, wishes, perhaps, that more voices were like that, that he hears in it no appeal to himself, no repeat for pri-toring the properties of the properties of the price of Sectlet women. There is a touch of wistfulness, a hint of sorrow, in their tenses -only a touch or a larguage, with leaves the calence not quite finlanguage, which leaves the cadence not quite fin ished when the sentence ends. It stirs one's sympa or cating. The fisherwomen of noth countries, in-deed, "open-air" women generally, have lost any natural sweetness that may once have been present in their tones. Shonting and talking against the wind have made their voices harsh. The Genoese have the acutest harsh voices in the

themselves attribute this to the off in the manufacture of which many of them are engaged, but it would seen more naturally to be the result of a free would seen more naturally to be the result of a free work of the seen to be suffered to the seen to be suffered to the other seen as the seen a for "Battista," but Battista never seems to come or to answer. Probably Battista himself is seated somewhere and does not wish to move. Why should

to answer. Probably Battiera himself is seated somewhere and toes not wish to move. Why should be somewhere and toes not wish to move. Why should be somewhere and the source of the notices should be somewhere the notices should be somewhere the notices should be somewhere the notices of the source of the sour

cinemity harsh. It's difficult to make any general statement which It's difficult to make any general statement which It's difficult of all American voices, for the general influence of the statement of the statement of the statement of the statement of most other nations se common to all, vary too much with us. England has non-climate, from William the Comparery, and England seems of the statement of the country. The westerners differ in their manner of drawing, but we statements differ in their manner of drawing, but we statements differ in their manner of drawing, but we statements differ in their manner of drawing, but we statements differ in their manner of drawing, but It is difficult to make any general statement which westerners differ in their manner of drawling, but they drawd no more than do the Easterners. The latter framework is a frequently. This is due in Westerners make up to a constant of the present loose bydrawling. The tones of Western voices are the local to the faulty training of the present loose bydrawling. The tones of Western voices are the latter of the present loose bydrawling. The tones of Eastern voices. The Wentworth's lines ending—

Pitch is not quite so high, and there is less shrill-ess. In large clites, in both the East and West, where women live for the most part indoor lives, their voices are sweeter and clearer than in the country, although a soft, clear voice is rare, even in

the cities.

The commentary noted for the locaty of the control of The Southern women are noted for the beauty of

tone. Tone may be pure in a loud voice as well as in a quiet, in a high voice as in a deep. As each note of the musical scale has its own peculiar beauty, if but sonded ledar and true, so each pitel of the human voice has a charm of it is own, if it can but he set tried for years to strip the notes of musical instruments from the husk of noise which surrounds them, yet it is only at intervals that we are thus fils tressed. Our voices over and over again present to us the same fait, but our ears are dull. We are so accessioned to the annoyance that we take fan excess As everyone knows, the sound of the human voice

As everyone knows, the sound of the human voice As everyone knows, the sound of the numer voice is determined by the rate of vibration of certain chords stretched over a small box-like structure in the threat. Should any cause prevent these chords from vibrating in unison, the pure tone would, of course, be lost. Such a cause is present whenever to eair which has started the vibration is checked course, po lost. Such a cause is present whethere in any way in its passage through the upper throat said month. The fewer the vibrations of the chords the more does any change in their rate affect the retains of the chords are the contract of the chords of the chords

Without a doubt the customary remedy prescribed for all human ills such as lic outside the spheres of tation of the fault of each individual, would work a speedy reform in this matter. But that cure is so costly and disagreeable when personally applied, that there is small hope for its general use. How-ever, there are the children. We might try it upon ever, there are the children. We might try it upon them, and this save the next generation from one of our present afflictions. One heroic mother, after is months of effort, persistent through many tem-porary estrangements, succeeded it influenting her and 1" for the self-restrained "Mary and me," in such sentences as "Ralph will buy Mary and me some candy." That child, when a woman, will use correct English. With a little more maternal water-fulness, she might be taught to atter it correctly

fulness, she might be taught to utter it correctly. Especially are we sufferers from the poor vocal training of public speakers. A musician does not consider himself equipped for his performance when he has merely selected and has proved his ability to read his music. He also times his instru-ment and makes that he can by its use translater, not merely the written score, but also the implied not nerely the written score, but also the implied feeling of the music that he is to render. Public speakers, on the contrary, consider their task well done if they have used care in thinking out their speaches. They rarely consider how much they use of their volces. The Press has recently end of attention to this fault in the speech of one of the greatest actors of the time. The fault is conspien-ous in him because the has so few defects, and he-cause to it is added a somewhat indistinct emmer-icans to the same that the some state of the pro-tesses of many other actors. Clergymen are frequently at fault in this regard,

But she is in her grave, and, oh,

so recited by a child that he jumped in his seat at the word "oh" pronounced "aw," and accompanied by a scraping of the chords which seemed in some remote way to indicate violent rage. The child was commended for having "remembered the poem so well."—The Pall Mall Gazette.

### THE CARE OF CHURCH ORGANS.

An organist desires instructions as to the care of

Excessive dampness and heat are the two conditions which operate severely against the preserva-tion of the organ.

Rainy and foggy weather, if long continued, will

and the visit of mechanics from the organ factory. In extremely damp weather and in new churches, where the walls are apt to be damp, it has been found beneficial to light a gas or oil stove in the orfound beneficial to light a gas or oil siver in the organ claimbre, cause being taken not to place the stove gas claimbre, cause being taken not to place the stove mechanism, as excessive heat in as bad as clampness, causing woodwork to dry and shrink, and possibly to crack and warp.

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seasoned infinite should be listed in organ-induling, seasoned in the season of the latter when a new organ is contemplated, to look well into the proposal builders fidelities for seasoning wood, may be a season of the season

usually of poor quality, and seem to be continually out of tune and in need of attention. Dust is the great enemy of reeds, the least parti-

Dust is the great enemy of reeds, the least parti-cle getting nuler the tongue usually stopping all "speech" of the pipe. The dust of years may accu-nulate in the bottom of a flue-pipe, out of the cur-rent of air, and its tone is of almost unimpaired rent of art, and its tone is of almost unimpaired quality. In short, flue-pipes need practically no at-tention, unless some accident betalls them. Reeds, however, have to be cleaned and timed frequently if they are to be kept in good condition. This is not a difficult operation, and almost any organist can do it! It he sees it done once by professional organ-tuners. It was the custom of the musleal cillior, when playing a small organ in a country church, to tune the reeds regularly every week. They were thus kept in as fair condition as their construction onld permit. Churches having large organs usually contract

Churches having large organs usually contract with the builders to visit the organ every fortnight. While dust perhaps does insignificant harm in an organ, it is better to keep it out it possible. On sweeping days the swell-hoxes should be keep closest, it is not to be supported to the properties of the organ. In one church that we know of, where the organ occupies an alcove, a heavy cuttain is placed in such a position that it can be drawn down and shut off the organ from the rest of the church. This had been drays not on sweeping days for many years when we position.

Alexander Wheelock Thayer, of Boston, who died recently in Trieste, was known chiefly by the great biography of Beethoven to which he gave the greater part of his life. The work, though it has been left incomplete, is still the standard biography of Beethoven. Mr. Thayer left \$30,000 to Harvard College, his alma mater.

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Dr. Richter, some little time ago, made an inter-Dr. Richter, some little time ago, made an inter-esting communication with regard to the musical pitch at Vienna, which be believed to be just half a tone lower than our own, remarks Pevey Bette in lower laws to the property of the property of the French dispason normal. It seems, however, be the following calmable letter, which we have re-ceived from Dr. A. J. Hipkins (of Broadwood's)—an undoubted authority prom this subject—that the dis-tinguished conductor has been either misseported or is wrong. Allowing for the rise with heard tencal purposes, to be dendered in Fairs and vienni, at Covent Garden, Queen's Hall, and Birmingham. The higher pitch is still in use at the Crystal Palace, St. James' Hall (except when the Jonebim quartet play), the Albert Hall, as well as at Leeds, Mauches-ter and Liverpool, and by the Carl Rosa troupe and the army bands. The following is Dr. Hipkins'

the army lands. The following is Dr. Hlpkins letter;

As the seek level some insupprehension here has the actual pitch at Vienna, I sak the favor of your insertious of particulars. I have had received from Mr. E. Seuffert, the manager of the Bossulorfer-Planoferts Falrik in that etly, who has obsuled the property of the seek of the property of Practically agreeing with the performing pitch of Vienna and also of Pavis.

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to be up-to-date.
Once, at a long concert, which he had witnessed from the beginning standing upright against a pil lar, he said to his companions, who suggested that he had better take a short rest; "What do you wan to do with me all the time? It is not so had as you ... Am I dead? Do they want to bury me

A strange story, not without its humorous ele-ment, is that told of his first meeting with Leonen-

It was during a reheared, and the younger man had been on lip-too of expectation all evening to know what his senior would say to him when the orderstra cased. They had never before met, but an extension in profound voncration. It was to be a most to in profound voncration. Finally the old man stopped forward.

"Which is Leoueuxullo?" he asked a friend standing mort by "All the one with the light overcoat, "whispeared the person addressed.

"All the one with the light overcoat, she asked a fixed with the word of the person addressed."

"All the one with the light overcoat, she is said Verdi slowly, and turning, he jammed his hat over the standard of the standard with the standard without another word. It was during a rehearsal, and the younger man

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